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FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN TV CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foreign T.V. channels who have been given permission for the Foreign Direct Investment during each of the last three years, till date, channel-wise;

(b) the details of share holding pattern of these T.V. channels at the time of their applications;

(c) whether any foreign T.V. channels have changed their share holding pattern after submission of applications; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) : TV channels, which are uplinked from abroad, are considered as foreign TV channels. Government had issued downlinking guidelines on 11.11.2005 to regulate such foreign TV channels. As per these guidelines there is no foreign equity restriction for downlinking of such foreign TV channels.

(b) to (d): Do not arise.